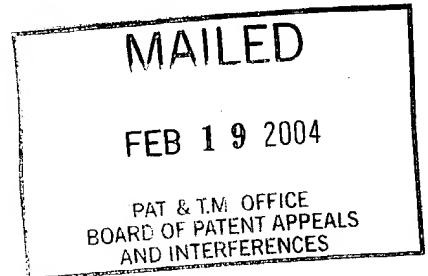


UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte JORGE A. MORANDO

Application No. 09/535,550



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 13, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being electronically returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

According to the Patent Application Location and Monitoring (PALM), the examiner mailed a letter on November 24, 2003, noting the reply brief filed on November 7, 2003. However, there is no copy of the paper in the electronic file. Appropriate correction is required.

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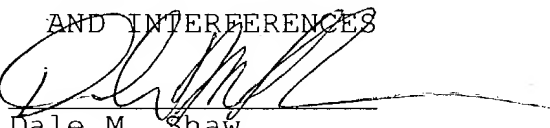
Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that this application be electronically returned to the examiner for: 1) action on the above noted deficiency in the examiner's answer; and 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of this appeal (i.e. abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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